

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:547
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TREATMENT OF CANCER HEART AND KIDNEY
MOHAN RAWALE;PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the number of cancer, heart and kidney patients are growing up in the country day by day;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide the latest equipments in the Central and State Government hospitals for their specialized treatment;
- (c) whether these treatment are very expensive for poor and middle class people;
- (d) if so, whether Government have any plans to ensure that these patients will be given treatment at normal costs at various hospitals/institute in Delhi; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): As per National Cancer Registry Programme data available with ICMR, there is a small but insignificant increase in the number of cancer patients. However, no data on heart and kidney patients are centrally maintained.

(b): Health is a State subject. However, for treatment of patients of cancer, heart and kidney the facilities are available in the Government Hospitals/Medical Colleges. This Ministry had launched a Pilot project on cardio-vascular Disease/Stroke for prevention, awareness, early detection and treatment of cardio-vascular diseases. This project has since been merged with the activities of All India Institute of Medical Sciences for its effective implementation and monitoring.

Adequate facilities are available in the secondary and tertiary care hospitals in the Government and private sector for early detection and treatment of kidney related diseases all over the country.

In addition under the National Cancer Control Programme this Ministry is implementing the following schemes for which the expenditure incurred during the last five years is annexed.

1. Development of Oncology wing in Government Medical Colleges/Hospitals.
2. Setting up of Cobalt Therapy Unit.
3. Recognition of Regional Cancer Centres.

(c) to (e): The treatment facilities for these diseases are available in Central and State Government Hospitals for poor patients at nominal charges.

In addition to above this Ministry has a scheme namely National Illness Assistance Fund under which financial assistance is provided to poor people suffering from serious diseases such as Cancer, Cardiac problems, and Renal disorders which require treatment in a super-speciality hospital and involves heavy expenditure normally beyond the means of a large number of people who are living below the poverty line.

Annexure

(Rs. in crores)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	
1. Development of Oncology Wing.			4.76	7.79	9.59	8.70 18.15
2. Cobalt Scheme			5.00	3.20	7.37	11.62 11.14
3. Recognition of RCCs			9.60	18.13	16.06	27.00 11.32